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SUBJECT: SALT: LETTER TO NAC

1. REQUEST MISSION PREPARE FOLLOWING LETTER FOR SYG LUNS, WITH COPIES TO NAC PERMREPS, VIA USUAL COSMIC TOP SECRET CHANNELS. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF DATE LETTER CIRCULATED.
2. BEGIN TEXT: I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON TO SUMMARIZE FOR YOU AND OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS THE FEW SALT MEETINGS WHICH OCCURRED AFTER THE AMBASSADOR'S CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COUNCIL OF OCTOBER 17.
3. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION CONTINUED TO EXPLAIN THE SECRET

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BASIC APPROACH WHICH AMBASSADOR JOHNSON DISCUSSED WITH

THE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 17. THE US REVIEWED ITS APPROACH TO SUCH CONCEPTS AS A HIGH DEGREE OF EQUIVALENCE IN CENTRAL STRATEGIC SYSTEMS, MIRV LIMITATIONS, AND STABILITY. BECAUSE OF THE EXPLORATORY NATURE OF THE US APPROACH, THE DELEGATION CONTINUED ITS PREVIOUS PRACTICE AND DID NOT DISCUSS ANY DETAILED PROVISIONS.

4. FOR THEIR PART, THE SOVIETS BASICALLY MAINTAINED THE POSITIONS THEY HAD ADVANCED EARLIER IN THE SESSION OR REITERATED POSITIONS FROM PREVIOUS SALT SESSIONS. THE SOVIETS CONTINUED TO PROPOSE THE BANNING OF CERTAIN NEW

TYPES OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. THEY ALSO MADE A PROPOSAL, SIMILAR TO THE ONE THEY PUT FORWARD IN OCTOBER 1973, THAT THE QUESTION OF BANNING OR LIMITING FUTURE TYPES OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATION, ADDING THAT THE SIDES WOULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTIONS WHICH COULD LEAD TO WEAKENING OR CIRCUMVENTING THE LIMITATIONS IN THE AGREEMENT THROUGH THE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW TYPES OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. IN ADDITION, THEY BASICALLY RENEWED THEIR EARLIER APPROACH WITH RESPECT TO NON-TRANSFER BY PROPOSING, IN THE CONTEXT OF A PROVISION PRECLUDING CIRCUMVENTION OF THE AGREEMENT THROUGH THIRD STATES, A PROHIBITION ON THE TRANSFER OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS LIMITED BY THE AGREEMENT, THEIR COMPONENTS, TECHNICAL DESCRIPTIONS AND BLUEPRINTS.

5. ON NOVEMBER 5, BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, THE DELEGATIONS RECESSED IN ORDER TO PERMIT THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS FOR CONSULTATIONS. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE DATE FOR RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE DETERMINED AND ANNOUNCED SUBSEQUENTLY.

6. ACCORDING TO OUR NORMAL PRACTICE, I WISH TO NOTE THE NEED FOR STRICT PRIVACY IN MATTERS REGARDING SALT.

7. I AM ALSO SENDING COPIES OF THIS LETTER TO OUR COLLEAGUES ON THE COUNCIL. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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